THE THIRD DAY.

15th February 1911.

SUBJECTS.

The Assembly met at 11 A. M. on Wednesday, the 15th February.

Dewan.—Gentlemen, with reference to the representations made yesterday by the Christian Members of the Assembly, about the questions of inheritance and succession among their community, His Highness the Maha Raja has been pleased to direct that a Committee be appointed to enquire into those questions, and to report whether any legislation is necessary, and, if so, on what lines it should be.

The consideration of the General Subjects was then resumed.

(2). *Criminal Justice.*

ishment of a Class Magis- s Court at Mu- uzha or in- g the local Ma- te with First powers.

Mr. Kanakku Narayanan Sankaran (Member, Muvattupuzha Taluk) requested that a First Class Magistrate's Court might be established at Muvattupuzha, or that, if that was not practicable, the local Magistrate might be invested with First Class powers.

Dewan's reply.—A Notification has already been issued investing the Taluk Magistrate, Muvattupuzha, with First Class powers.

sfer of the cri- l jurisdiction the Poonjar e from Peer- to Meenachil.

Mr. K. P. Narayana Pillai (Member, Nominated) said that it was a great hardship to the people of Poonjar that the criminal jurisdiction over the village, which had been vested in the Meenachil Taluk Magistrate ever since 992 M. E., had been now transferred to Peermade. An exemption was made in the case of the Teekoy Estate alone, to suit the convenience of the Planters. Poonjar was mostly a hilly tract, and the inhabited portions of the village were from 8 to 12 miles from Meenachil and about 40 miles from Peermade. Besides, the want of proper roads and the danger from wild beasts added greatly to the difficulty of travelling to Peermade. It required seven days for the redress of a grievance which could be obtained from Meenachil in a single day, and whenever an appeal had to be made to the District Magistrate, a journey of 145 miles to Devikulam, through dense forests, had to be undertaken at very great expense.

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He therefore requested that the recent transfer of the c riminal jurisdiction of the Poonjar village might be cancelled and the *status quo* restored. Rubber plantations adjacen t to Peermade might be included within the Peermade M agistrate's jurisdiction, if the Government considered that co urse specially necessary in the interests of the Planters. The Member concluded by saying that there would be no roo n for such complaints if, in the matter of altering the territ orial jurisdiction of Tahsildars, Magistrates, Munsiffs and Sub-Registrars, the wishes and convenience of the peop le were consulted by the Government before passing final orders.

Dewan's reply.—Orders are under issue givi ng the criminal jurisdiction over the Poonjar village to t ne Kanjirapalli Magistrate, which should be quite conv enient to the people.

(3). *Civil Justice.*

30. ***Applications for the establishment of new Munsiffs' Courts or the shifting of some of the existing Courts.***

Mr. Krishnan Easwaran (Member, Ned umangad Taluk) said that the number of cases filed in the three Munsiffs' Courts of Trivandrum, Attingal and Neyyatinkara, by the inhabitants of Nedumangad, was m ore than sufficient to justify the establishment of a Court at Nedumangad. He stated that the recent t ransfer of the jurisdiction of certain *pakuthies* of the taluk ha ted in greater inconvenience to the people than bef The distances from most of the *pakuthies* of t luk to the three Munsiffs' Courts above named, with hose jurisdiction they were placed, were from 20 to 30 m nd, with the exception of Kulathummel and Vaman puram, all the other *pakuthies* suffered great incon venience. The distance of Nedumangad from all the included *pakuthies* was only 12 miles and below. He requested that, in view of the above circumstances, a Munsiff's Court might be established at Nedumangad.

Mr. K. Narayana Pillai (Member, Aml alapuzha Taluk) said that, till the year 1060, the taluk had wo Munsiffs' Courts—a permanent Court at Am palapuzha and an additional Court at Alleppey. In tha year, the Court at Ambalapuzha was removed to Shertall i and the ten *pakuthies* which had been within the jurisdic on of the Ambalapuzha Court were transferred to the Alleppey Court. He pleaded for the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Ambalapuzha on the ground of the i portance of the place, which had all the other public offic except a Munsiff's Court, and he suggested that the Addit nal Munsiff's Court at Alleppey might be temporarily tra sferred to

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